

Weekly Column for December 29, 2005

Happy New Year? Already? Where did 2005 go? It seems like yesterday I was just starting the job as Mayor, thinking I had a good handle on everything that was going to happen.

While I think we have done a good job during the first two years of my administration, we certainly have room to improve. I enjoy this job immensely. I love talking with people on the street, visiting schools, and making the tough decisions on how to run government on a day-to-day basis. And other things certainly make the job more difficult than we would like- the inexcusable crimes, water main breaks, snow. But I am thankful for the position I am in, and once again want to thank the people of Troy for entrusting me with this very important job.

With that, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to each and every resident of Troy.

I have two other quick things to discuss this week. If you want to have your Christmas tree picked up by City crews, simply put it out with your garbage and we'll have it picked up. It may take a few days, but hopefully the weather will remain decent and we will be able to pick up all the trees. I said earlier today that this process is an inexact science, and it is. We'll have two crews out each day picking up trees all over the City. So bear with us, we will get there.

Secondly, there will be regular trash collection on Monday, despite it being a holiday. Any questions about garbage pickup or tree pickup can be addressed by calling the DPW garage at 270-4579 or the Mayor's Office at 270-4401.

Have a great weekend, everyone be safe.

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